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USAID Donates \$3.3 Million in ‘New Tools’ to Nigeria’s National Tuberculosis Program

Abuja -- On November 29, 2021, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) donated \$3.3 million in commodities to the Nigeria Federal Ministry of Health’s [National TB and Leprosy Control Program](#) (NTBLCP) as part of a broader “New Tools Project-Nigeria.”

The initiative will help NTBLCP officials find more missing TB cases and help Nigeria sustain an upward trajectory for TB case-finding in line with global targets. Nigeria reported 138,600 TB patients in 2020, up from 120,266 in 2019 (a 15 percent increase over 2019).

“We are committed to working closely with the Government of Nigeria in expanding early detection and reducing the number of TB cases in the country,” USAID Mission Director Anne Patterson said of the donation. “These tools will make TB primary care more accessible to many Nigerians and save lives.”

The donations included 38 “Trunat” machines for molecular tests to diagnose TB and drug-resistant TB with 80,000 testing reagents and ten high-tech portable digital x-ray systems with computer-aided detection software for use in hard-to-reach areas. The donation also included enough medicines to prevent TB progression in 21,000 patients.

In the next year, the new tools promise to provide state of the art screening for 500,000 persons, rapid molecular testing for about 80,000 persons, and ultimately diagnose 10,000 cases for treatment referral. These new tools will be implemented in 18 states in the country through the [USAID Tuberculosis Local Organizations Network](#) (TB LON) activity.

Nigeria is one of seven countries receiving the package of screening, diagnostic, and treatment tools. The others include Bangladesh, Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia, Kenya, Philippines, and Vietnam.

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Photo: USAID HIV/AIDS and TB Office Director Rachel Goldstein (blue jacket) with Nigerian Coordinator of TB Control Dr. Chukwuma Anyaie (red tie) among other officials at the handover.

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